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## Sydney Airport Traffic Performance April 2018

Pax <sup>1</sup> ('000s)	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Apr-18	Apr-17	Growth (%)	YTD-18	YTD-17	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,314	2,244	+3.1%	9,156	8,895	+2.9%
International <sup>2</sup>	1,365	1,341	+1.8%	5,638	5,364	+5.1%
Total	3,679	3,585	+2.6%	14,794	14,259	+3.8%

Sydney Airport CEO Geoff Culbert said, “Passenger numbers have strengthened at Sydney Airport increasing 2.6% in the month of April over the prior corresponding period (pcp). International traffic grew 1.8% in April, with increased capacity of 6.5% being offset by lower load factors. Load factors were impacted by the earlier Easter holiday period for 2018 compared to 2017, resulting in a very strong comparative period.

“The nationalities with the largest growth in April were Indian (+18.0%), USA (+9.9%); and South Korean (+8.1%). Interestingly, international traffic benefited from strong growth in Taiwanese passengers, up 70% for the month and more than 40% year to date (not captured in the top 10 table below). The strong growth on this market is driven by the increased capacity from China Airlines.

“Domestic growth was a robust 3.1% for April compared to the pcp, driven by a 0.6 percentage point improvement in load factors and a 2.3% increase in capacity.”

### Key Points

- Qantas announced the year round upgauge of its daily B747 Hong Kong service to an A380 from March 2019 representing 120 more seats per movement. This upgauge will deliver approximately 60,000 incremental annual seats on the Hong Kong route
- Qantas also announced frequency increases to San Francisco, Manila and Osaka, and reductions on the Beijing and Dallas routes. In addition, Qantas will upgauge its Honolulu A330

<sup>1</sup> Due to data availability, all international passenger numbers (including prior corresponding period comparisons) are based on Confirmed Airline Passenger (CAP) data. As per previous information releases, these figures may contain estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics included in the year to date results in future months.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Domestic-On-Carriage.

service to a B747 and Los Angeles service to A380 operations. These combined changes will deliver 39,000 annual seats to Sydney

- Singapore Airlines' recently commenced its fifth daily service from Singapore to Sydney. The new late evening departure to Singapore with a short stop in Canberra provides an overnight option for travellers to arrive in Singapore in the early morning and transfer to a strong bank of connecting services. Overall, the addition is expected to deliver an incremental 79,000 seats per year, all of which are in the off-peak period

### Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Apr-18	YTD-18	Rank	Nationality	Apr-18	YTD-18
1	Australia	2.0%	3.6%	6	India	13.3%	18.0%
2	China (Including special administrative regions)	-2.7%	4.0%	7	South Korea	2.9%	8.1%
3	New Zealand	-2.5%	-1.1%	8	Japan	7.1%	2.5%
4	United States of America	2.0%	9.9%	9	Germany	-12.1%	-3.2%
5	United Kingdom	-6.4%	2.3%	10	France	-1.2%	2.2%

### Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)													Total	Total	Growth
	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-17-Apr-18	May-16-Apr-17	%
Dom.	2,187	2,130	2,383	2,253	2,270	2,445	2,410	2,378	2,289	2,139	2,414	2,314	27,613	26,959	+2.4%
Int.	1,153	1,230	1,414	1,286	1,317	1,348	1,306	1,554	1,589	1,313	1,371	1,365	16,246	15,260	+6.5%
Total	3,340	3,360	3,797	3,539	3,587	3,793	3,717	3,933	3,878	3,452	3,785	3,679	43,859	42,219	+3.9%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers. All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision. All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures.

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